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Serial No. : 10/633,694 Examiner : Jeanette E. Chapman
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Title : METAL FRAMING MEMBER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

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DECLARATION OF JEFFREY A. ANDERSON UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Jeffrey A. Anderson, declare:

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-captioned patent application.

2. I have reviewed the Office Action mailed October 20, 2005 in the above-captioned patent application, U.S. Patent No. 5,605,024 to Sucato, et al. ("Sucato"), U.S. Patent No. 5,913,788 to Herren ("Herren"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,527,625 to Bodnar (Bodnar).

3. The device and method claimed in the above-captioned application includes a formed metal sheet including a plurality of expanded web slots. The expanded web slot have a length to width ratio of about 2:1 or greater. See e.g. claims 1, 27, 42, 53 and 54.

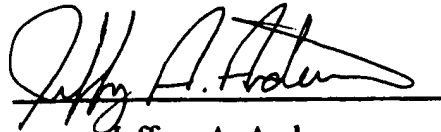
4. Expanded web slot that have a length to width ratio of about 2:1 or greater are necessary to achieve the structure on the web that is not available when the ratio is approximately 1:1, as in Sucato.

5. All statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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